PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any donation has recently been given by the Indian Oil Corporation to Sringeri Matha in South India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the date, amount and mode of the payment?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The donation of Rs.3 lakh was made by I.O.C. to Sringeri Sarada Dhanvantri Charitable Hospital registered. This is a public hospital registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. It has been given exemption under Section 35 CCA of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

The donation was made by the Cheque dated 30.3.1990 drawn on the State Bank of India. The donation was for an X-Ray ultrasonic Scanner and surgical instruments.

Import of machines by Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company Ltd.

2089. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing company Ltd., has imported a good number of machines recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of the machines imported and the purpose of their import;

(c) what are the details of the foreign companies from which these machines have been imported;

(d) whether the machines have been found defective; and

(e) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) M/s. Hindustan Photo Film Ltd. (HPF) has imported/is importing machines such as dryers, decorators, pumps, mixers, humidity sensors, assembly moulds, photo dispensors etc. for its various projects under implementations. These have been imported from its collaborators in West Germany, U.K., USA etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Name of the Industrial House

Suply of gas from Tapti Gas Field at *Pipavav in Saurashtra* Region

2090. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be please to state;

(a) whether Government have approved the land fall point near Pipavav in Saurashtra Region of Gujarat for the supply of gas from Tapti Gas field; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when gas supply would begin at Pipavav?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) ONGC have been asked to submit their revised proposal to the Ministry on development of Tapti gas fields. Meanwhile, it has been decided in principle that the gas from the Tapti fields would be used for a power plant to be set up at Pipavav on Saurashtra Coast by the Gujarat Electricity Board. The Supply of gas to this project would, however, be subject to investment approval of the related facilities for gas production from the Tapti fields.

Piped gas supply to Ahmedabad City

2091 SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a memorandum from Government of Gujarat about utilisation of gas from Gandhar gas fields, and has

also represented for piped gas supply to Ahmedabad city; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position about commitment of gas for this project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLE' AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M..S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had submitted a Memorandum on the Utilisation of Natural Gas from Gandhar fields and the other sources for various projects in the State. 'The State Government had also requested for an initial allocation of about 2 MMCMD of gas for domestic supply in Ahmedabad city through pipeline.

(b) 1.5 MMCMD of gas expected to be produced from Gandhar Phase I Project has entirely been committed in Gujarat mainly for power projects. As the production potential from Gandhar fields is likely to increase in future, it has been agreed in principle to provide gas for power projects to be set up by NTPC and Gujarat Electricity Board in the State. Supply of gas for these projects would be subject to coordinated investment approval of the related facilities for gas production.

The entire quantity of gas produced in Gujarat stands committed to various users and it has not been possible to make allocation for piped gas supply to Ahmedabad city. The larger question of Supply of natural gas as domestic fuel is under examination of the Government.

भारतीय सीमेंट निगम को हुआ घाटा

2092. **श्री शान्ति त्यागी:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय सीमेंट निगम घाटे में चल रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा घाटा कम करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं;

(ग) क्या निगम द्वारा आतिथ्य के नाम पर फिजूलखर्ची की जा रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार द्वारा इसे रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) ऊर्जा संरक्षण द्वारा लागत में कमी तथा प्रक्रिया दक्षता में सुधार के लिए संतुलन उपकरण की व्यवस्था, अतिरिक्त डी०जी०सैट का अधिष्ठापन,सामग्री प्रबन्ध प्रणाली का सुप्रवाहीकरण, और संयंत्र तथा मशीनरी का बेहतर रखरखाव उन उपायों में से कुछेक हैं जिनके, कम्पनी द्वारा घाटे को कम करने के लिए किए जाने की सूचना मिली है।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1989-90 के दौरान आतिथ्य पर 85,000 रुपये (अनन्तिम) व्यय किये जाने की सूचना मिली है जो कुल कारोबार का मात्र लगभग .003% है।

Proposal/Scheme by Agartala Municipality for the use of gas for domestic consumption

2093. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agartala Municipality had submitted proposal/scheme for the use of gas for domestic consumption;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have sanctioned the above proposal/scheme; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) On behalf of Agartala Municipality, ONGC had got a Feasibility Report prepared on piped gas supply in Agartala Town. ONGC have committed 50,000M^3/day of natural gas for supply through pipelines in the town.

The pipeline network for distribution of the gas is to be undertaken by"M/s Purvachal Gas Company" to be set up by M/s. Assam Gas company and Tripura Industrial Development Corporation. The distribution works will also be undertaken by this joint venture. ONGC would be ready to start supply of gas as soon as the pipeline network is